

Gay/Straight Alliance Meeting Summary June 2008

Mission: “To create a more equitable and safe work environment for LGBT employees through increased awareness and education of all employees about sexual orientation and gender identity”.

- Community Liaison Representative- Rosa & Brandon presented to the group the idea of having a member responsible for community outreach and keeping current on LGBT organizations and groups that may be visiting Tempe. After group discussion, Brandon Banks volunteered to assume this role for the coming year. The group voted unanimously in favor.
- Issue regarding RK Catering – Brandon shared that there was an issue recently at an incident during an event ECHO Magazine recently held at the Center for the Arts. The issues involved staff from RK Catering and it is being handled. Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Manager for Cultural Services was also in attendance to brief the alliance on how the city is handling the situation.
- Valerie shared that CEDA is on board to partner for a hydration drive, the group was in agreement that August would be the best time. By the July meeting, we will have flyers and locations ready.
- New Co-Chairs- Congratulations to James Burns and Jay Taylor! Thank you to Valerie Patriquin and John Olsen for your incredible year of service.
- Upcoming social event – James brought up the idea of planning a social event for GSA members, a date was set for July 18th at Cadillac Ranch at Tempe Marketplace.
- Discussion regarding future meeting location, the consensus of the group was to try a downtown meeting location. Suggestions were Hatton Hall or Public Works Admin Conference Room, Brandy will follow up.